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NMR Spectrometer

The EM-360L, 60-MHz NMR spectrometer is designed to accommodate the requirements of both research and routine analysis, with proton as well as optional fluorine and phosphorus observation. Economy of operation is achieved by use of a 14-kG permanent magnet that needs no cooling water. Power consumption is 260 W. Sweep widths from 0.2 to 100 ppm are provided and offsets are digitally



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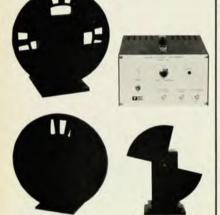


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sampling period. The instrument is capable of continuous display and can retain information present prior to the decision to record. Sampling frequency can be varied to emphasize time regions of interest. A 1024 data point readout is provided on a real time oscilloscope for visual analysis. Computer readout conforms to the international CAMAC standard defined in IEEE standard 583 and interfaces are available for a variety of computers.—LeCroy Research Systems, 1 First St., Los Altos, CA 94022.

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Photomultipliers

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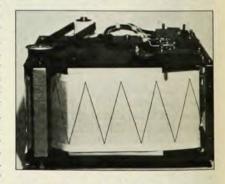


said to be detectable by the system. The spectrometer is offered in two configurations: integrated, stand-alone systems, and attachment or accessory surface analyzers. The accessory version may be attached to existing Auger/ESCA type surface analysis chambers to yield complementary information. The stand alone system is capable of both surface and bulk material analysis—Kevex Corporation, 1101 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA 94404.

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and changes in load. The recorder is said to regulate chart movement within 2% of the set speed and to control gain of the galvanometer to better than 1%. Monolithic regulators control the output to the motor and control board and galvanometer. A battery voltage from a peak of 13.9 down to 10.5 V, almost depleted, will not affect the

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Surface thermocouples

Coaxial surface temperature probes that measure rapidly changing metal wall surface temperature from -300° to +3220°F in engine combustion chambers, bearings, die casting dies, gun barrels, laser targets, aerodynamic models, and apparatus for heat transfer models are said to provide 1-µs re-



sponse while being extremely rugged. The thermocouples are available in a variety of configurations, including a probe diameter of 0.015 in., and in the standard ISA calibration codes: T, J, E, K, and S. The probes are coaxial thermocouples consisting of a small wire of one thermocouple material coated with a 0.0005-in. thickness of ceramic insulation of high dielectric strength, swaged in a tube of a second thermoelectric material. The insulation resistance between the wire and the tube is said to be effective to higher than 2000°F at steady state and higher than 3000°F for transient temperature. The thermocouple junction is formed by vacuum deposition of a metallic coating one or two micrometres thick over the sensing end of the probe, forming a metallurgical bond. A variety of mounting configurations and transition pieces for lead wire connection may be installed on the coaxial probe assembly.-Medtherm Corporation,

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New Literature

Optical polishing—A 6-pp. folder describes and illustrates the Logitech precision optical polishing technique and equipment for production of thin crystal, ceramic, and rock and tooth and bone sections to 20 λ flatness with automatic parallelism control to one second arc.—Hacker Instruments Inc., P.O. Box 657, Fairfield, NJ 07006.

Power supplies—A 28-pp. booklet, "Power Supply Interface Guide," describes several alternative methods to control dc power supplies with voltage ratings from 0-600 V and power ratings from 20 W to 11 kW, using the HP-1B interface bus.—Hewlett-Packard Company, 1501 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94304.

Ramp generator—A 2-pp. data sheet describes the model RC-42 ramp generator that provides control of 3-element PZT devices with output 0-1000 V with 0-1000-V dc offset, slope trim controls that provide 0%-15% attenuation to each of the 3 channels, dc alignment capability 0-250 V, and ramp rates adjustable from 20 ms to 18 min—Burleigh Instruments, Inc., 100 Despatch Drive, Box 270, East Rochester, NY 14445.

Photon Detectors—Collection of three reprints on photon detectors are packaged in this 30-page brochure. These articles discuss applications of lead selenide in pollution detectors (3 to 6 micron) lead sulfide applied to various applications in the 1- to 4-micron region, and unique packaging configuration for silicon photodetectors including "in-line" two-color designs.—Infrared Industries, 62 Fourth Avenue, Waltham, Ma. 02154.

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